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PASS AGRICULTURE AND AID

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAID, MO  
SUBJECT: PL-480 TITLE I AGREEMENT SIGNED

REF: RABAT 4090

1. THE 16TH PL-480 TITLE I AGREEMENT WITH MOROCCO FOR 100,000 MT OF WHEAT WORTH \$10 MILLION WAS SIGNED TODAY BY FINANCE MINISTER ABDELKADER BENSLIMANE AND AMBASSADOR ANDERSON AT WELL ATTENDED AND IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.
2. FOLLOWING SIGNING BENSLIMANE EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE BUT EMPHASIZED THAT 100,000 MT WAS UNFORTUNATELY ONLY SMALL STEP IN MEETING MOROCCO'S SHORTFALL OF WHEAT, WHICH HE PUT AT 1.9 MILLION MT FOR CURRENT YEAR.
3. AMBASSADOR'S REPLY EMPHASIZED THE SELF-HELP PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT, EXPRESSING SATISFACTION THAT GOM IS TAKING STEPS TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION BUT WARNING THAT POPULATION PRESSURE DOES NOT PERMIT CONSTANT REWORKING AND REFINING OF PLANS IN SEARCH OF PERFECTION.
4. IN PRIVATE DISCUSSION AFTER THE CEREMONY, AMBASSADOR

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AND AID DIRECTOR HIGHLIGHTED CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN THAT TITLE I PROGRAMS BE MORE CLOSELY RELATED TO COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AND NEED FOR TIMELY REPORTING ON PAST TITLE I PROGRAMS. BENSLIMANE ASSURED US THAT HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY COORDINATE WITH MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE IN ORDER TO FURNISH REQUIRED REPORT FOR FY 76 BY AUGUST 10.

5. ANTICIPATE EXTENSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE OF CEREMONY AND  
REMARKS.ANDERSON

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